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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms steady to firm with 8-12 lb. hens in the strongest position. Inquiry light to mostly moderate consisting mostly of distributive interest. Offerings of 8-12 lb. hens were spotty and held with confidence, 12-16 lb. hens and consumer sized toms light at best and also held with confidence. The markets were active on white meat and increased trading was noted on tom drums and full-cut wings.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was active on tom drums and light to moderate on the balance of items. Offerings mixed and varied by processor. Frozen commodity 16-124 lb. toms traded at 75 cents delivered. Demand was noted from Russia on thigh meat and various parts items. Inquiry was also noted from Asia, Caribbean, Central America and Mexico.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 18, 2005**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	73-80	-	-	-	74.50	120	SEP	-	-
					76.50	120	OCT		
					78.50	120	NOV		
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-78	73-78	75.50	160	-	-	-	80	AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-76	-	-	-	74.50	120	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 2005			
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	75.90**	75.40**	73.40**
CENTRAL REGION	75.50	75.00	72.00
WESTERN REGION	75.70**	74.40**	74.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	74.50**	75.67	72.80**
CENTRAL REGION	74.00**	74.95	72.50**
WESTERN REGION	74.50**	74.00**	73.50

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	73-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Aug 22, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	81.81	243,000
16-24 lbs.	80.00	16,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	10,000

Total Volume:	279,000
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 13-Aug-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	744	0	23.58	(A)	745	23.58
South Atlantic	645	-10	30.48	(A)	646	30.48
North Central	2,192	1	30.18	(A)	2,193	30.18
South Central	708	2	18.30	(A)	708	18.30
West	351	1	25.75	(A)	351	25.75
U.S. total	4,640(B)	-1	27.01	3	4,643	27.01

To-date

2005 137,706(B) 121 137,827

To-date

2004 137,933(B) 239 138,172

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000;

for the current year to date 763,000; for last year to date 1,577,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

July	416,276*
August 1 - 13, 2005	201,158*

To date 2005 3,165,651*

To date 2004 3,113,227*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 13-Aug-2005

W/E 13-Aug-2005	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
	<hr/> Thousands <hr/>				
Head	2,000	2,603	37	3	4,643
Avg Wt	16.20	35.36	24.24	25.53	27.01
Last week	2,067	2,592	10	5	4,674
Same wk yr ago	1,691	2,516	90	24	4,321
Avg Wt	15.90	35.62	23.94	29.42	26.75
To-date/2005	55,206	81,737	763	121	137,827
To-date/2004	55,321	81,035	1,577	239	138,172

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 AUGUST 2005.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings short to light. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to fully steady, however, some were not seeing the strength others were. Demand light to moderate for the short to light offerings. The market tone on rib breasts continued steady to firm for the light to good, mostly moderate to good demand. Offerings short to light. Trading slow to moderate and centered on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts. For domestic: frozen 10-12 lb. Grade A WOGs 86 and frozen 12-14 lb. Grade A WOGs 85, fresh scapula 108-109, Grade A non-basted breasts - 10-12 lb. 150, 14-16 lb. 160, 16-18 lb. 165, frozen young hen breast meat 165 cents delivered. Imports: frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey -30 days age 24.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	109.00-110.00		109.60	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00		158.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	100.00		100.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	49.00		49.00	6
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	48.11	360
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	33.00-35.00		33.14	43
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	115.00		115.00	2
NECKS, TOM	36.00		36.00	12
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	192.00		192.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	210.00		210.00	120
THIGH MEAT		R	89.50	80
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		M	89.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	159.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	102.00		102.00	8
TENDERLOINS	157.00		157.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	168.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	184.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-26.00		25.01	162
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	47.78	368
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	28.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	26.00		26.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-89.00		88.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums was cautiously steady to steady, tom necks steady to barely steady, tom full-cut wings barely steady to fully steady mostly steady and tom 2-joint wings firm. Demand on tom necks light to moderate, balance mostly moderate to good into domestic and export channels. Offerings of tom necks adequate to instances ample; tom full-cut wings light to fully adequate, mostly adequate; tom drums adequate to fully adequate; tom 2-joint wings short and held with confidence. The market tone on hen 2-joint wings was firm due in part to the good tray pack demand. Offerings short. The white meat market continued active with the light tom live weights continuing to affect availability of product. Some further processors are also planning extended schedules in preparation for the upcoming holiday weekend. Trading active on frozen tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on open priced fresh tom drums, firm priced frozen tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export. For domestic: livers 23, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 150, fresh wing meat with skin 78-81, fresh scapula 109-113 mostly 110-113, fresh breast trim 167 cents delivered. For export: tom defatted gizzards 54 shipping point, tom necks 32 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	109.60	200	109.60	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.00	10	148.02	43
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	100.00	30	100.00	30
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	47.00-48.00		47.83	240	47.86	246
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	51.00		51.00	30	48.33	390
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	40	42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	120	34.51	243
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00		41.00	40	39.54	175
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	115.00	2	115.00	42
NECKS, TOM		R	36.00	12	36.00	52
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	188.00-195.00		191.93	560	191.93	600
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	210.00-214.00		210.92	104	210.51	344
THIGH MEAT	91.00		91.00	40	91.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	90.00-91.00		90.50	28	90.11	38
BREAST TRIM MEAT	161.00-164.00		162.29	70	162.29	70
SCAPULA MEAT	102.00-108.00		106.29	28	103.58	76
TENDERLOINS		R	157.00	40	157.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	175.00-185.00		181.67	120	178.25	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	60		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-190.00		189.27	110	187.87	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00		26.00	40	25.21	202
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	46.00-50.00		49.53	600	49.53	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	33.00-34.00		33.33	120	33.50	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	28.50	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	26.00	80	26.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00-96.00		94.06	288	92.27	408

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